

Northern Colorado Bridge Board Meeting

Date: August 13, 2024

Present: Lucille Steiner, Debe Nelson, Linda Meininger, Sondra Asa, Keith Schwols, Chris Watson, Nancy Crow, Douglas Watt (late)

Meeting called to order at 4:05pm. The minutes from June were amended to the correct date (June 11, not April 9) and the goodwill ambassador will be Tom Roberts (not "John"). The rest was approved. Lucille will send an updated .pdf to Keith for posting.

Larry Matheny tribute

Diane discussed with several members that they would like to have an obituary tribute in the bridge bulletin. This normally costs several hundred dollars, but Diane has written a nice tribute to Larry and we will probably get the obituary for free since Larry was an important member of the bridge community.

We are considering changing the name of a tournament to include Larry's name (perhaps a pro-am to coincide with the Falling Leaves NLM sectional?). We will probably create a Larry Matheny trophy and award it to the winners of a club championship in his name. The unit will pay for the trophy and engraving.

Finances

- A \$7500 CD was renewed on August 12 @4.25%. It matures March 7 2025.
- Another CD, \$8000 @4.75%, matures on November 15 2024 and will be rolled over.
- There is \$21,000.00 in the account.
- Unit games generally return about \$100.00 in profit.
- The profit for the June sectional was \$2200.00 (vs. \$500 in 2023).
- LBIAD cost \$400 in 2023.
- The Christmas Party cost \$686 in 2023.

Unit game schedule

We discussed the unit game schedule for 2025. The proposed schedule will be posted on the website (Doug to send updated schedule to Keith).

Fees will be \$10 per person per session for each game except the Holiday party (\$5). This allows us to "give back" to the unit in economic and convenience terms. Lunch for 2-session games will generally be sandwiches or pizza and cost \$8.

Everyone liked the idea of the April 2025 game being an "8 is enough" Swiss Teams game. This encourages A(3), B(2), and C(1) players to mix up with each other to form a team of 4 that adds up to 8 (e.g. AACC or ABBC, etc...). One reason for this idea is that we may to play it in Robyn's club, where we have less capacity, and we expect this format to draw fewer players.

LBIAD

- Learn bridge in a day will be renamed "Is Bridge for Me?"
- To save money, we will only advertise in Reporter Herald and on-line (not in the Coloradoan)

- We will not request a grant
- John Wolfe will be responsible

Falling Leaves NLM Sectional

- September 28 2024.
- Debbie and Linda will be in charge. Lucille may not be here.
- Fliers are being distributed to Greeley, Boulder, Denver, website and facebook

Front Range Challenge

October 27 @Elks club (10AM). A = 2000+, B = 750+, C < 750. We may not field a complete team.

Holiday party

- Doug and Nancy will provide lunch
- We will spend \$400 for door prizes and give out 8 free plays
- Entry fee of \$5 per person for entire day (1 or 2 sessions)

June sectional

Probably June 13,14 2025. Possibly also 15th, depending on church permission.

Annual Meeting (Oct 12)

Debe, Linda, Keith and Lucille have all agreed to run for office again. There are rumors that some other people may want to be on the board, so they will be encouraged to contact the nominating committee (Julie Wertz, Arlene O'Connell, Sondra Asa).

Next Meeting

Tuesday October 15th 2024 4pm.